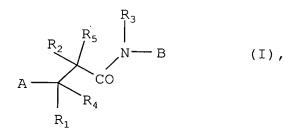


5 Carboxylic acid amides of general formula



which inhibit telomerase and are useful for treating tumour diseases such as carcinomas, sarcomas and leukaemias. Exemplary compounds are:

- (1) trans-3-(naphth-2-yl)-but-2-enoic acid-N-(2-carboxy-phenyl)-amide, and,
  - (2) trans-3-(naphth-2-yl)-but-2-enoic acid-N-(2-carboxy-4,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-amide.